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### FATAL VEHICLE COLLISION 4500 BLOCK OF EAST GRANT ROAD

On November 15, 2015, around 5:50 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a report of a vehicle rollover collision in the 4500 block of East Grant Road. Officers arrived on scene and located an unresponsive adult male. They summoned the paramedics and members from the Tucson Fire Department arrived on scene a short time later. The male was transported to Banner University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries where he was later pronounced deceased.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine the driver and sole occupant of a 2003 Nissan 350Z was westbound on Grant Road just west of Swan Road. The driver was in the curb lane approaching an area where three lanes merge into two. The driver accelerated and attempted to pass traffic in the middle lane but lost control of the vehicle, struck a curb and a large landscape boulder. The vehicle rolled and struck an apartment in the 4500 block of East Grant Road before coming to a rest. The driver was ejected. No one in the apartment complex was injured and the damage to the apartment was minor. Speed appears to be a factor in this collision. The investigation is ongoing to determine if additional factors contributed to this collision.

The driver has been identified as 28 year-old Jacob Morell. Next of kin have been notified.

#### Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 28  
Pedestrian - 8  
Bicycle - 3  
Motorcycle - 1

For 2015 - 51  
Pedestrian - 13  
Bicycle - 4  
Motorcycle - 6

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